

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

GOTTFRIED SEDELMEIER

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/EP2004/007980

FILED: 15 JULY 2004

U.S. APPLICATION NO: Not Yet Known

35 USC §371 DATE: Herewith

FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TETRAZOLE
DERIVATIVES FROM ORGANO BORON AND ORGANO
ALUMINIUM AZIDES

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS

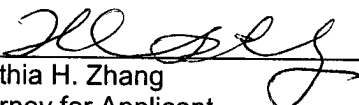
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 31, 2007, the period for responding has been extended to April 30, 2008. Applicant elects Group V drawn to claims 1-9 and 11-16 for continued examination.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A petition for extension of time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment related to the filing of this Amendment to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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